

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Not every person in the country wants to live in densely populated areas. I treasure rural life and, while some would reason that since I choose to live here, I should pay more for services, I would argue the same for those who live in the forests of California. They do not pay their "fair share" for firefighting service. This is no different!! I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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